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To All Of You, From All Of Us . . .

As another Christmas season comes we want you to know how grateful we are for your continuing love and cooperation.

Certainly all whose heart has in it any of the milk of human kindness will wish for our troubled world, where war, has held the spotlight for so many years. peace, security, happiness and freedom from want, sorrow, suffering and privation.

We extend Christmas greetings and good wishes to everyone of you. We pledge to you that we faithfully strive to write a new and more glorious record of service and testimony before another Christmas comes.

We pledge to you our best efforts and beg of you the same.

Chas. L. Quarles *A. L. Goodrich*
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Joe Adams *Permitting*
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Every Church Urged To Mark Calendar Now For Leadership Conference

Every church in the state is being urged to mark its calendar now and plan to be represented by all of its leadership at the annual Leadership Conference scheduled for the week of Jan. 10-14.

A conference is scheduled for every association in the state during that week and the full schedule is listed in a page display elsewhere in this week's Baptist Record.

Each conference will be a one-night meeting beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Three outstanding leaders will conduct each conference with the program featuring stewardship and missions.

It is pointed out that each conference is scheduled for Monday,

Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and no meeting will be held on Wednesday night.

The three subjects to be discussed at each conference are:

"The Elements of a Church Budget," "The Mission Budget of our Churches," and "Churches Are Stewards Too."

Those urged to attend the conferences include all church leaders, officers, workers, deacons, teachers and officers.

The meetings will be open also to the public and anyone and anyone will be welcome.

Presiding will be the associational moderator with the local associational leadership responsible for working toward a large attendance.

Churches Find In Radio And TV Way To Preach To "Multitudes"

NEW YORK — Radio, television and the movies have given new meaning to Christ's charge to preach the Gospel to the multitudes, according to the current issue of Look magazine.

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communication, the churches are reaching vast new congregations, including 64,000,000 "unchurched," says Chester Morrison in an article entitled "Religion Reaches Out."

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RESEARCH ON DEACONS

During the winter of 1953-54 the Sociology Department of Carson-Newman College (Tennessee) conducted an extensive scientific research project on Tennessee Baptist deacons. Perhaps Mississippi Baptist deacons are about on a par with Tennessee deacons.

The project was directed by Dr. Herbert J. Miles, professor of Sociology at Carson-Newman College.

A questionnaire composed of 54 items was filled in by 570 deacons. The deacons were selected at random from Tennessee churches as follows: 77 churches in East Tennessee, 8 in Middle Tennessee, and 2 in West Tennessee. It is obvious that the location of Carson-Newman in East Tennessee weighted the sample with East Tennessee deacons. Inactive deacons, were included.

Totals, averages, and percentages were computed for five groups of deacons, namely, (1) rural deacons (open country and hamlets up to 500 population), (2) town deacons (500 to 2500 population), (3) city deacons (2500 population and up), (4) deacons from churches averaging 700 or more in Sunday school, (5) all 570 deacons.

The survey revealed that 97 per cent of deacons were married, one per cent was single and two per cent were widowed. The size of the deacon's family of origin was seven members, while the size of the deacon's present family is four members. It should be pointed out that the families of some deacons in the survey will have still other children in the future, while those of their family of origin have run (Continued on Page Two)

Marked Copies Will Save Letters

There will be no issue of the Baptist Record next week. It is a custom of long standing to omit the Christmas week issue.

Each year we make an announcement similar to the one above. But, announcement or no announcement, we get several letters asking why no paper was received.

In order to save time, paper and postage in answering such letters, we are having extra copies of this week's issue printed. To those who overlook this announcement and write, a copy of this article will be mailed to them.

The editorial staff of the Baptist Record takes this occasion to send Christmas Greetings and best New Year's wishes to all who see this issue, to the thousands who have helped us increase our circulation to more than 85,000 (an all time high), and to all who love the Lord in sincerity and truth.

Highlights Of Sunday School Board Meeting In Nashville

STATE BAPTIST PAPERS LAUDED BY AUTREY

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—"A call to consecration is not enough. The people must be informed. They must know the needs and what is the proposed answer to these needs."

This need is met by placing the state Baptist paper in every home in the church, C. E. Autrey, Dallas, Tex., associate secretary in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, told Georgia Baptists in their recent annual meeting. "Through our state papers the membership will gain a knowledge that will enable them to better grasp and follow the appeals of the pulpit."

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Home Board Adopts \$2,100,000 Budget

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BN) — The Home Mission Board approved a 1955 budget of \$2,100,000 in distributable funds in its annual meeting in Atlanta, December 7 and 8. This is an increase of \$130,000 over 1954. Dr. Courts Redford was re-elected executive - secretary - treasurer, and the same administration and department heads. Dr. W. A. Duncan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, East Point, Ga., was re-elected president C. G. Cole, layman, Atlanta, and Dr. Hugh Bumpas, pastor of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., were elected vice-presidents; Mrs. Clinton H. Whetstone, Atlanta, recording secretary.

1,074 Regular Missionaries

The Board confirmed appointments and made appropriations for the salaries of 1,074 regular missionaries and 370 summer student workers—an increase of 48 over 1954.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, secretary of the Department of Evangelism, reported splendid preparation for the 1955 Simultaneous Crusade. Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of Cooperative Missions, reported advance in the eight phases of work sponsored through his department. Dr. John Caylor, Secretary of Editorial Service, reported 122,375 subscribers to HOME MISSIONS, with 201,226 books sold last year. The Student Program report indicated 370 students served from 26 states and territories, coming from 89 colleges and nine seminaries. They reported 3,939 professions of faith.

2,625 Mission Schools

Dr. L. W. Martin, secretary of Missionary Education, had 148 programs of School of Missions in (Continued on Page Two)

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB) — The Baptist Sunday School Board, met in Nashville December 9-10 and heard reports of outstanding achievements and objectives from Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, and the four divisions and 19 departments of the Board. Highlights are:

Board publications went into all of the 48 states of the United States and 59 foreign countries and territories.

The Sunday School Board is Nashville's largest shipper of second-class (printed) materials, which helps to explain why Nashville is second only to Washington, D. C., in the mailing of second-class matter in the entire nation.

The full-time personnel of the Board, including its 48 book stores, is 971, of which 522 are employed in Nashville. Part-time workers, approximately 275.

More than 10,000,000 tracts have been distributed this year.

354,271 copies of OPEN WINDOWS, devotional quarterly, were mailed out in the third quarter.

Donald F. Ackland, beginning with the January, 1955, issue, becomes editor of THE BRAILLE BAPTIST, a monthly magazine giving Sunday school, Training Union, and missionary information for blind members of Southern Baptist churches, 1,750 of whom receive it without charge.

Average annual Sunday school enrolment gain per church has risen from 2 1-2 for the period 1924-1934 to 10 per church, 1944-1953, and to 20 or more for 1954.

37,301,015 Sunday school periodicals were shipped this year.

676,329 Sunday school training awards issued; and 609,164 training course books distributed.

24,255 Vacation Bible schools—net gain of 1,338 over 1953. Two and one-half million people and workers enrolled in Vacation Bible schools. More than 400,000 Vacation Bible school pupils' workbooks were sold—a 30% increase over 1953.

Convention-wide Sunday school clinics will be held in 1955 in New Orleans, La., Los Angeles, Calif., and Richmond, Va.

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Highlights Of

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magazine, circulation now 700,000. The Home Education Department will publish a bulletin—first issue, January, 1955—mailed free to denominational workers with responsibilities in any phase of family life education.

25 general books published by Broadman Press; also 5 graded foreign mission study books, and 5 recreational booklets.

20 titles, scheduled to be published from January through November, 1955, also 5 graded foreign mission study books.

A history of the Baptist World Alliance, by Dr. F. Towley Lord, will be published in the spring jointly with the Carey Kingsgate Press, of London.

MAID OF ISRAEL, by Tolbert R. Ingram, a novel of Old Testament times, will be published in 1955.

It took more than 55 years to gain the first 1,000,000 Training Union members. The second 1,000,000 was gained in six years. Percentage of Training Union enrollment to total Southern Baptist enrollment Jan. 1, 1954, was 1 to 4.3.

A net gain in number of churches with Training Unions more than 1,200 for 1954; goal for 3,000 additional churches with Training Unions in 1954.

759,205 Training Union study course awards issued this year—largest number in history.

YOUR LIFE AND THE CHURCH, by James L. Sullivan, new edition, completely re-written—available after January 1, 1955.

Baptist Youth Night for 1955 to be launched.

Sales of hymnals and songbooks over 800,000 copies.

New book, CRUSADE SONGS, for 1955 evangelistic crusades, just released; contains 150 revival songs.

A piano collection of 42 hymns, simplified for children to play, will be available in June, 1955.

Through November, 19,269 music training course awards issued—31.9 percent increase over 1953.

17-12 reels of motion pictures and 9 filmstrips will be completed by Audio-Visual Aids Department by the end of December, 1955 goal, 21 reels of motion pictures and 12 filmstrips.

Total of 1,891,174 pounds of merchandise shipped to customers.

3,000 book titles of various publishers were reviewed by some 500 reviewers throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory. Of these more than 500 titles were found unsuited for promotion.

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Center Terrace Licenses A. L. Hatten, Jr.



REV. A. L. HATTEN JR.

On Wednesday night, Dec. 8th, the Center Terrace Church, Canton, licensed A. L. Hatten, Jr., into the Gospel Ministry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hatten, Sr., of Canton. His wife is the former Mary Malone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Malone of Carthage.

Mr. Hatten is to supply the Center Terrace pulpit for the morning and evening services of Dec. 26.

He is a graduate of Canton High School and plans to enter Mississippi College soon.

Rev. Solie I. Smith is pastor.

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Man Of Distinction

Continuing our efforts to help the liquor industry give both sides of the "man of distinction" we suggest the following and acknowledge our indebtedness to the Clarion-Ledger for the information:

"While his elderly parents were vacationing in California, a 35-year-old Douglas man:

"Cashed his father's \$15 pension check; sold two of their blankets for \$22; cashed his father's \$85 Social Security check; sold other household goods, including a toaster. He was arrested while trying to sell the family washing machine and was jailed for being DRUNK."

Whiskey certainly does make "men of distinction," but not always as good-looking as the liquor ads would indicate.

Churches Find

(Continued From Page One) ness and mass-merchandising, the churches are making first-class movies and excellent TV and radio productions for multi-million audiences, he says.

Mr. Morrison names as masters of modern mass-communication techniques such well-known clergymen as the Rev. Billy Graham, the Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, the Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Bishop Fulton Sheen, and the Rev. Herman W. Gockel whose Lutheran-sponsored TV program, "This Is the Life," is broadcast once a week over 235 stations to an audience of almost 14,000,000.

"Now for the first time in history," Mr. Morrison says, "God's messengers can obey literally Christ's admonition to the Disciples 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'"

POCAHONTAS CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

Pocahontas Church in Hinds county has called as their pastor Rev. Joe Galle, who was formerly pastor of the Palestine Church in Hinds county.

During Mr. Galle's pastorate at Palestine the church began a building program which one day will culminate in much-needed educational space.

Mr. Galle, who is now living in Jackson, is a 1954 graduate of Mississippi College.

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New Orleans, First Dedicates New Edifice

The First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Dr. J. D. Grey, Pastor has completed its new edifice costing \$1,500,000.00. Dedication services will be held December 26 through 30.

The Pastor speaks at both morning services Sunday, December 26; Dr. G. Kearney Keegan, Director of Southern Baptist Student Work, Sunday night; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Monday night; organ dedication, Tuesday night; Dr. John A. Huff, former pastor of the church, and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Wednesday night; and Dr. Robert G. Lee, also former pastor of the church, Thursday night, December 30. The 111th anniversary of the church will be observed on Wednesday night, December 29.

For future expansion and parking, the church has acquired additional property adjoining the building and plans to acquire more. Dr. Grey is in his eighteenth year as Pastor. The present membership is 3965.

Research On Deacons

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their course. The deacons averaged 48 years of age and had completed on the average 10.5 grades of schooling, that is, they had completed the first half of the junior year in high school. The average deacon was converted at sixteen years of age, had been a Christian 19 years when he was ordained, and was ordained at the age of 35.

During childhood 75 per cent of the deacons attended church regularly, and 75 per cent were reared in Baptist homes. Only 166 per cent had been members of non-Baptist churches. The wives of 97 per cent of deacons hold membership in Baptist churches. The fathers of 29 per cent of deacons had been Baptist deacons. The family altar (group scripture reading and prayer) is practiced by 58 per cent of the families of deacons, while 77 per cent of their families say grace before meals. When called upon, 87 per cent of deacons will lead public prayer. Each deacon holds an average of 3 church offices. Only 9 per cent of deacons have ever held a state, city, or county political office. Only 44 per cent of deacons read the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR regularly, while 77 per cent have had a study course in the last two years, and 81 per cent had made a visit in the last month in behalf of the church.

Deacons are most faithful to the morning worship services, 97 per cent attending regularly, whereas 76 per cent attend the evening service regularly and 69 per cent

Home Board Adopts

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2,625 churches. Rev. Frank Halbeck, superintendent of Jewish Department of Evangelism, reported an increase in churches observing Jewish Fellowship Week and two additional staff members.

Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary of Direct Missions, reported 377 missionaries in the homeland, 141 in Cuba, 23 in Panama and Canal Zone.

State superintendents, or co-ordinators, have been elected for some states to relate state mission work to Direct Missions. G. Frank Garrison, superintendent of the Church Loan Funds, including the \$3,000,000 the Executive Committee gave permission to borrow. Dr. Guy Bellamy, from the Negro Department, reported 61 workers, with the teacher-missionaries having 38,662 enrolled in classes. There were 28 new Negro Baptist Student Unions formed. Sixty-one scholarships were granted by the Home Mission Board to Negro students. Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission, reported 458 active chaplains, with one-third overseas. The chaplains had 16,195 professions of faith.

attend prayer meeting regularly. Ninety-four per cent attend Sunday school, 66 per cent attend Training Union, and 41 per cent attend the Brotherhood. Only 30 per cent attend some association meeting regularly, while 32 per cent sing in the choir.



PILOT YOUR ESTATE FOREVER

by making your will and leaving a part, or all, of your estate to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation for a Baptist institution or cause.

January, Make Your Will Month

Write or Call

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Harry Lee Spencer, Executive Secretary

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Jackson, Mississippi

When You Need A Will It Is Too Late To Make One

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A Christmas Gift That Lasts All Year

Many people are wondering what to give for Christmas. Here is some good advice:

Make a list of all the people to whom you want to give presents at Christmas and send to the Baptist Record with their names and addresses. Send a check or money order at the rate of \$1.50 each. If you request it, we will send them a card (to reach them Christmas week) advising them that they are to receive the Baptist Record for a whole year as a Christmas gift from you.

—BR—

Christmas And You

Christmas should and could be the loveliest day of the year. It is a time when everyone wants to be at home. Perhaps the loneliest people on Christmas Day will be those who cannot return or who do not have a home to which they can return.

The fondest memories many of us have are the memories of lovely Christmas days spent at home with loved ones.

Christmas should be a day hallowed by sacred memories and sublime emotions. But the sad truth is Christmas has lost much of its original purpose. Many make it a pagan holiday and countless thousands look upon it only as a season for emphasizing the commercial possibilities of the season.

To us Christmas is a most appropriate time for Christians to magnify the name of Jesus. What better time is there for Christians to spread the good news that a Saviour is born.

Why not follow the example of the Wise Men? "They presented HIM gifts." The shepherds, upon hearing the good news, did not exchange gifts among themselves but hurried to the manger to honor the Christ-child.

Christmas should be a time of joy, but too many take cheap substitutes for "joys unspeakable."

To be pitied are those who are under the sad delusion that dancing, drinking, night clubs, and wild parties are a part of the celebration of the birth of our Saviour.

Others are the losers by believing that Christmas should be a time of getting instead of giving. There is nothing wrong with receiving presents at the Christmas season. But we should emphasize the giving, not the getting. Try giving to the family. It will serve to emphasize the fact that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

At this Christmas season let us resolve to keep on keeping Christ in Christmas. Let us remind ourselves and our friends that the inner meaning and message of



Christmas is the greatest gift the world ever knew—Jesus Christ, who came that we might have life.

While giving gifts to others, let us not forget that the best gift any man can make to Christ is the gift of self. We do not suggest that we should forget our loved ones and friends at Christmas, but that Christians should not forget God from whom comes all good and perfect gifts.

Let us keep on keeping Christ in Christmas by daily Christ-like living and Christ-like giving.

—BR—

Remember The Pastor

Most churches do, but for the few that have forgotten, we suggest that a Christmas present to the pastor would be most appropriate. Not only should churches remember the pastor, but many families should include the pastor on their Christmas list.

May we suggest a good book.

—BR—

Good Board Meeting

The recent Board meeting was one of the most harmonious we have ever attended and we have attended for 20 consecutive years. In most cases, the few differences were concerning the methods and concerning objectives and in one or two cases it was a matter of whether to use this word or that word — and both usually meant the same.

To the Board members, it is a labor of love and unselfish service. They serve, without pay, faithfully, and sacrificially. There are three scheduled meetings per year and it takes a minimum of seven days to attend these meetings, counting travelling time.

It is amazing the amount of

work they are able to do at these sessions. They grapple with serious and difficult problems, hear many requests, and make many important and far-reaching decisions.

Those who have never served on the Convention Board do not realize its importance nor do they really know what a hard, as well as important, job it is.

From many sources we have heard expressions of appreciation for the faithful work of our Board members. We feel confident that we speak for all Mississippi Baptists, when we say, "Thanks, brethren, for a job well done."

—BR—

Give Your Church A Christmas Gift

At this season of the year we are planning our Christmas giving. Many of us have long lists.

May we suggest the addition of one name to that list. We refer to your church.

Why not give your church a Christmas present? You could give it a memorial window, a memorial organ, 100 hymn books, a planting of new shrubbery, or any of the gifts it really needs.

—BR—

We Suggest Watch-Night Services

Most of our readers have experienced or have heard about the noise, boisterousness, drunkenness and folly of the New Year parties that take place throughout our land as the old year goes out and the new one comes in.

Such artificial merriment is foolish and inexcusable. And it is more so in these days of tragedy,

trouble and trial.

We need to realize that we are one year nearer the grave than we were on last New Year's Day.

Instead of needless, foolish and useless excesses, we need to realize that time is passing and that death is no respecter of persons.

We suggest a better plan—a Christian watch-night service. Instead of the excesses of many New Year parties, let our churches counter with a service that has no hang-overs, no maddening memories, no hurt hearts, nor days of despair.

Let us come together in a Christian service with people at prayer (preferably on their knees), singing songs of adoration and admiration, instead of those with lewd and licentious thoughts.

As the old year goes out and the new one comes in, let's put God in our program.

—BR—

Our Readers Write

ABOUT A FOE OF WHISKEY

In recent visits with my friend and yours, Bro. N. S. Jackson, I have thought of the many and bitter battles the old "warhorse" has fought for civic righteousness and morality on behalf of the Christian people of Mississippi, and for the Kingdom of God.

We owe, I think you will agree, an unpayable debt of gratitude to him for his unparalleled contribution to our commonwealth, and to our very homes and lives. It's a tribute, I feel, to his leadership and labors through the years, that Mississippi is one of the two states yet in the dry column.

In retirement now, broken in health, reminiscing of friends and former co-laborers of the past, Bro. Jackson rejoices in these sunset years in the memory of those who have stood with him so staunchly through the past.

I have thought it would be a wonderful thing if we could express our appreciation for him personally, and for his past leadership in the Temperance Cause, in some tangible and personal way. Would you not like to be one of the friends and former supporters who will at this Christmas time make some contribution or gift of appreciation as you desire, to show our dear friend what we have thought and still think of him in these latter years?

If you will, you may either send such direct to him (170 Fredrica, Jackson) or to me, at Parkway Baptist Church. And by so doing I know you will cheer his heart and cause the fires of memory and gratitude to glow with brighter flame this Christmas as he remembers those who still remember!

Cordially, his Pastor,
G. NORMAN PRICE.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GODDRICH

Emmanuel Is No. 1110

The best boosters the Baptist Record has are those who have had experience with the Every Family Plan. The latest evidence of this is the Emmanuel Church, Biloxi. Rev. W. P. Spiers is the pastor and having had experience with the Baptist Record Every Family Plan in other pastorates, he lost no time in leading the church to adopt the Every Family Plan.

A recent letter from Mrs. Robert D. Lee, church clerk, sent a list of all the families instructing us to begin the Every Family Plan.

Record readers in Gulf Coast Association are now listed as follows: BAY ST. LOUIS, 117; KILN-SHIFALO, 10; Logtown, 2; LAKE SHORE, 22; BIG RIDGE, 39; BILOXI, FIRST, 337; BILOXI, EAST HOWARD, 155; BILOXI, EM-MANUEL, 29; CLAVARY, 31; GULFPORT, FRST, 976; GULFPORT, BROADMOOR, 55; GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL, 68; FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMORIAL), 50; HANDSBORO, 121; Long Beach, 18; MISSISSIPPI CITY 23; NEW HOPE, 76; PASS CHRISTIAN, 39; Sharon, 16; WEST GULFPORT, 31; WOOLMARKET, 35; LYMAN, 36; Riverside, 9; McHENRY, 21; Pass Road, 16; SUCCESS, 26; TRINITY, 142; GULFPORT, 29TH STREET MIS-SION, 26.

Here Is More Proof

The following facts were taken from the figures of the churches of a central Mississippi association.

A church with no Baptist Records averaged 21 cents per member during the past year for all mission gifts. The next church in the list with the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record averaged 99 cents per member. Another church with only one Baptist Record averaged 6 cents per member while the next church on the list with the EVERY FAMILY Plan averaged \$3.51 per member. Two churches having only one Baptist Record each gave nothing, while the next church on the list with the EVERY FAMILY Plan averaged \$7.41 per member.

Another church that had no Baptist Records gave 20 cents per member, while the next church with the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record averaged \$1.67 per member. Another church with no Baptist Records did not report any gifts for missions, while the next church on the list with the EVERY FAMILY Plan averaged \$2.75 per member.

Another church with no Baptist Records averaged only 24 cents per member. The church has more than 200 members and gave less than \$60.

Another church on the list with the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record averaged 60 cents per member.

The Baptist Record DOES help.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Phillipston Church. The list was seen by R. F. Everett.

Sparks & Splinters

A full-time country church is seeking a pastor. The salary is \$2400 plus \$200 for utilities and a modern home furnished with a butane stove and a dining room suite. Anyone interested in this situation may write to the editor of the Baptist Record.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. J. D. Caples; Rev. J. A. O. Russell, Bastrop, Louisiana; Rev. M. E. Perry, Greenville; G. C. Horned, Daytona Beach, Florida; Rev. Stanley J. Smith, Hazlehurst; S. L. King, Summit.

The Raymond Baptist Church has elected the following Deacons to serve for three years in the place of three retiring for one year: Mr. C. D. Anderson, Mr. Dennis Cowart, Mr. J. A. Bennet and Mr. Willie Chapman. The Church has correlated its entire Church Calendar to run from October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955. Dr. John R. Cobb is the pastor.

The Immanuel Baptist Church Choir of Natchez, under the direction of Herman May, will present their first Christmas Cantata, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. The thirty-six member choir will present "The Nativity" by Roger C. Wilson. Accompanists will be Mrs. Willie Ham, pianist and Mrs. Flavius Smith, organist. The Girls' Ensemble and the Carol Choir will each present one selection during the service. Rev. Allen C. Johnson is pastor.

Because of a cancellation Robert L. Cooper, Sr., evangelistic singer of Aberdeen, is open for a meeting March 28-April 10. He may be addressed at Aberdeen.

Gillsburg Church will observe Christmas For Christ Day, December 19. The membership is encouraged to be present and bring a worthy gift. A container will be placed at the front of the church and every one will march down the aisle and lay their gift on the altar. The collection for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This is in addition to the offering of the W. M. U. toward our Foreign Mission Program. The evening service will be in the form of a playlet First Christmas Morn. Directed by Mrs. James Blount.

D. T. Evans, pastor.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Ruth Barlow, Eloyce Squires, Keats Cartwright, Moorhead; Bettye Nelle Hitch, Sunflower Junior College; Mary Sue Crouch, Thomas J. Ballard, Moorhead; Rev. B. E. Craft, Weathersby; W. G. Harris, Weathersby; B. Murphree, Pittsboro; Rev. C. H. Cutrell, Calhoun City; Rev. A. G. Graham, Guntown; Victor B. Clayton, Fulton; Rev. W. M. Averett, Richton; Rev. S. B. Wise, Jonestown; Rev. Joe A. Mayer, Lambert; Rev. George Q. Edens, Pontotoc; Rev. F. L. Coker, Agricola; Rev. Roy R. Brigrance, Gloster; Rev. Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale; Rev. W. L. Warren, Wiggins; H. M. Brooks, Mathiston; Rev. J. Hoffman Harris, Biloxi; H. E. Nelson, Monticello; Rev. J. C. Bryant, Starkville; Rev. K. Z. Stevens, Columbus.

1904-1954
Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Furr
at
First Baptist Church, Columbus
Sunday, December Nineteenth
from
Three until five o'clock
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A. E. Prince, formerly in educational and evangelistic work in Hawaii, has taken over the work of the Stewardship Evangelism Association of which B. C. Land was director until his recent death.

Melvin Roberts, who served as educational director of Calvary Church, Jackson, for several years died a few days ago in San Antonio, Texas after several months of poor health. At the time of his death he was educational director of the First Church, San Antonio.

California Southern Baptists at their Convention meeting in Sacramento recently adopted a 1955 budget in excess of \$500,000 and voted unanimously to purchase the new college site at Riverside for \$800,000. Byron F. Todd, El Monte, was elected president.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. C. O. Daniels, Columbus; Rev. James B. Riley, Brooksville; Rev. E. D. Crenshaw, Isola; Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, Kreole; Rev. and Mrs. John F. Measells, Amory; Rev. Charlie Bryant, Hickory Flat; James D. Watson, Indianola; Philip Fratic, Elton C. Wheeler, Eden; Fred M. Prince, Yazoo City; Rev. Mack R. Douglas, Memphis, Tennessee; Rev. Ivan Lowry, Brookhaven.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HANDBOOK, No. 2, is a book of recitations, dialogues, exercises, pantomimes, readings and one-act plays, compiled by Grace Ramquist and published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is particularly useful for grade school and Sunday School Christmas programs. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

WHEN JESUS WAS BORN, is a Christmas play in which children tell the story of what happened at the first Christmas. By W. F. Beck it is very good for use with children in giving a Christmas program. For only 25 cents order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher, Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis, Missouri. There are suggestions for scenery and costumes included.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)—C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., has returned to this country from a short trip in Finland. The trip made at the request of Hon. Harold E. Stassen, director of Foreign Operations Administration of the United States Government, was for the purpose of counseling with leaders of a co-operative in Finland who are starting a business, the profits of which will be used to benefit world missions.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., (BP)—Paul Weber, superintendent of the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board, died Nov. 26. Weber had served the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board since 1940.

There is an interesting article in the January issue of the Baptist Student by Dr. Robert H. Spiro, Jr., Professor of History at Mississippi College. The title of the article is "Christian Youth in a Changing World."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 12, 1954

Jackson, West	246	140
Jackson, Calvary	1443	471
Main Church	1395	433
Mission	46	38
Jackson, Southside	372	168
Jackson, Parkway	884	516
Pocahontas (Hinds)	45	45
Richland (Rankin)	121	57
Jackson, First	1023	481
Springfield (Scott)	108	73
Clinton	563	413
Jackson, Ridgecrest	239	102
Jackson,		
Van Winkle Mission	61	66
Jackson, Hillcrest	118	109
Jackson, Highland	86	55
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	537	262
Pearl (Rankin)	192	117
Jackson, Crestwood	491	402
Jackson, Van Winkle	404	256
Oak Grove (Yazoo)	48	48
Flowood	87	97
Edwards	89	44
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	144	93
Hattiesburg, Main St.	761	407
Meridian, 41st Ave.	303	102
Laurel, First	491	168
Clarksdale	401	144
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	413	116
Clarksdale, Riverside	260	160
Niland Chapel (Bolivar)	51	34
Glenfield (Union)	83	61
Seminary, Union, Senior	86	88
Cleveland, Immanuel	173	133
Pascagoula, First	948	354
Main School	737	227
Jackson Ave. Chapel	78	48
McArthur Chapel	70	30
Orange Grove Chapel	63	49
Jackson, Northside	416	209
Greenwood, Calvary	476	223
Ruleville	245	108
Crowder	187	105
Hurricane Creek	84	99
Petal-Harvey	339	171
Main School	324	15
Harvey	15	15
Picayune, First	610	251
Laurel, Highland	169	112
Ita Bena, First	204	80
Grenada, Emmanuel	267	103
Main Church	239	239
Futheyville Chapel	28	28
Murphy Creek (Winston)	103	90
Marks, First	216	56
Crystal Springs, First	550	203
Hattiesburg, Temple	446	165
Bay St. Louis, First	119	48
Kreole, First	118	46
Brookhaven, First	648	267
Main	550	201
Southway	62	38
Halbert Heights	36	28
Fair River (Lincoln)	105	68
Magee	359	98
Long Beach, First	240	89
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	123	66
McComb, Friendship	133	91
New Albany, First	602	151
Northside Mission	77	29
Aberdeen, First	300	80
Gulfport, Calvary	50	37

Newton, First	407	245
Gulfport, New Hope	134	44
Kosciusko, First	548	200
Main School	524	...
Maple Mission	24	...
New Sight (Lincoln)	111	75
Friendship (Lincoln)	145	93
Spanish Fort	50	32
Biloxi, Trinity	176	51
Laurel, Harmony	136	71
Calvary, West Point	158	128
Longview (Oktibbeha)	63	74
Ruth	50	55
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	141	79
Concord (Choctaw)	97	79
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah)	69	63
Columbus, East End	202	118
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	180	74
Hardy (Grenada)	108	85
Calhoun City, First	328	150
Yazoo City, First	492	129
Sumrall	100	40
Pelahatchie	189	84
Main School	165	...
Mission	24	...
Wayside (Yalobusha)	59	...
Brier Hill (Rankin)	73	52
Hernando	119	54
Laurel, Wildwood	175	86
Fellowship ((Choctaw)	84	79
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	249	53
Bethlehem (Jones)	147	147
Morton (Scott)	255	131
Main	236	...
Mission	19	48
Columbia, First	507	251
First	455	203
South Columbia Mission	52	48
Stonewall	176	112
Ripley, First	298	99
Union, First	283	116

December 5, 1954

Charleston, First	384	141
Friendship (Jackson)	93	81
Glenfield (Union)	84	52
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah)	89	76
Long Beach, First	260	131
Gulfport, First	993	346
Columbus, First	1005	305
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	237	74
Corinth, Tate St.	241	94
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	161	82
Gulfport, New Hope	142	66
Ripley	307	97
Morton (Scott)	313	117
Main	294	...
Mission	19	...
Bethlehem (Jones)	212	229
Fair River (Lincoln)	107	63

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State Mission Week Of Prayer Gifts

Listed are the 894 Missionary Societies that made an offering to State Missions during the Week of Prayer in September.

District I

COPIAH

Antioch	28.00
Bethel	2.00
County Line	12.00
Crystal Springs	151.66
Damascus	8.21
Gallman	6.00
Georgetown	41.72
Harmony	22.00
Hazlehurst	273.75
Hopewell	22.00
Pilgrim's Rest	40.21
Pine Bluff	11.00
Poplar Springs	7.00
Sardis	5.26
Shady Grove	20.58
Smyra	25.00
Strong Hope	5.00
Springhill	15.00
Sylvarena	33.00
Wesson	55.00
Zion Hill	3.85
Carpenter	19.66
Gatesville	29.46

HINDS

Bethesda	69.96
Byram	14.00
Clinton	143.44
Edwards	52.00
Elraine	25.00
Forest Hill	15.40

JACKSON

Alta Woods	121.06
Broadmoor	84.42
Calvary	501.72
Crestwood	37.54
Daniel	156.37
Emmanuel	19.31
First	1,800.00
Griffith	83.03
Leavell Woods	15.00
Midway	9.71
Northside	149.22
Parkway	158.41
Robinson St.	30.00
Ridgecrest	130.85
Southside	56.44
Van Winkle	52.53
West Jackson	24.50
West View	25.00
Pocahontas	59.00
Raymond	194.50
Salem	17.25
Terry	67.50
Utica	77.19
Temple	10.00
Beulah	5.00

HOLMES

Cruger	19.95
Durant	350.00
Goodman	34.25
Lexington	48.10
Mt. Pleasant	9.00
Pickens	81.90
Tchula	30.95
West	16.25
Beulah	5.00
Mt. Vernon	10.00

MADISON

Camden	11.75
Canton	
First	756.17
Center Terrace	44.50
Farmhaven	6.50
Flora	124.25
Lula	12.00
Madison	38.00
Ridgeland	15.15

Sharon	5.00
RANKIN	
Antioch	11.50
Brandon	135.92
Briar Hill	39.21
Clear Branch	20.00
County Line	25.00
Fannin	8.25
Leesburg	19.00
Liberty	6.00
Mt. Pisgah	43.75
Oakdale	21.21
Paul Truitt	21.25
Flowood	8.00
Pearson	5.91
Pelahatchie	146.75
Puckett	48.00
Rehobeth	5.50
Richland	16.00
Star	43.45
Steen's Creek	2846.00
Value	7.28
Barefoot Springs	5.00
Hickory	7.25
SIMPSON	
Bethlehem	39.43
Beulah	16.00
Braxton	54.52
Coat	12.40
D'Lo	31.30
Goodwater	9.00
Gum Springs	12.00
Harrisville	14.30
Holly Grove	8.00
Magee	153.32
Mendenhall	123.40
Mt. Zion	19.50
New Hope	6.55
Oak Grove	5.00
Pinola	16.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Siloam	5.00
Antioch	7.62
Macedonia	7.00
WARREN	
Grace	8.00
Harmony	16.90
Vicksburg	
Bowmar Ave.	101.26
Calvary	25.50
Immanuel	30.35
Northside	8.90
Trinity	24.98
First	339.16
Wayside	15.00
Woodlawn	17.50
YAZOO	
Anding	6.50
Benton	64.75
Bethlehem	10.00
Black Jack	40.00
Center Ridge	9.75
Concord	12.35
Eden	15.00
Holly Bluff	21.80
Oak Grove	17.15
Ogden	15.25
Oil City	19.85
Rocky Springs	14.00
Sartatia	21.35
Yazoo City	
Calvary	14.95
First	510.00
Liverpool	18.00
Melrose	11.00
District M	
BOLIVAR	
Benoit	50.00
Boyle	79.60
Calvary	33.41
Cleveland	170.00
Duncan	57.91
Gunnison	19.25
Interstate	10.00
Merigold	35.83

Morrison Chapel	28.00
Nyland Chapel	2.51
Pace	23.00
Providence	5.06
Rosedale	112.46
Shaw	110.00
Shelby	53.65
Skene	55.74
Waxhaw	4.00
HUMPHREYS	
Belzoni	
First	418.48
Isola	14.25
Louise	10.42
LEFLORE	
Greenwood	
First	393.29
Calvary	46.30
Itta Bena	106.22
Money (Riverdale)	67.10
Morgan City	50.00
Schlater	11.50
Sidon	30.50
RIVERSIDE	
Belden	32.20
Clarksdale, First	456.71
Crowder	96.40
Darling	17.10
Dundee	25.00
Hollywood	7.00
Jonestown	32.00
Lambert	23.65
Lula	169.50
Lyon	58.00
Marks	175.00
Reynold's Mem.	28.00
Riverside	23.70
Tunica	284.26
Walnut	52.50
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	125.60
West Marks	5.00
Green River	42.81
SHARKEY-ISSAQUEMA	
Anguilla	126.00
Carey	7.50
Catchings	10.00
Rolling Fork	53.60
St. Bayou	12.60
Valley Park	10.25
Spanish Fort	11.20
SUNFLOWER	
Bethany	6.46
Bethel	11.50
Dockery	14.00
Drew	118.60
Fairview	20.75
Holly Grove	4.00
Indianola	215.40
Inverness	121.46
Linn	50.92
Moorhead	61.67
New Hope	36.03
Rome	20.50
Roundaway	21.05
Ruleville	135.63
Sunflower	72.80
Wade	6.80
WASHINGTON	
Arcola	117.35
Alexander Mem.	5.00
Darlove	12.63
Glen Allen	15.30
Greenville	
First	338.50
2nd	156.54
Calvary	100.00
Parkview	80.00
Hollandale	93.87
Leiford	
First	500.00
Swiftwater	10.65
District W	
CALHOUN	
Bethel	56.61
Big Creek	6.93
Bruce	100.00
Calhoun City	191.53
Calvary	8.00
College Hill	21.00
Derma	61.85
Pittsboro	25.00
Sabougla	20.00
Shiloh	7.00

Slates Springs	50.00
Vardaman	22.08
CARROLL	
Carrollton	16.52
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
North Carrollton	59.72
Mt. Olive	3.89
Vaiden	12.00
DESOTA	
Ebenezer	15.00
Eudora	38.70
Gray's Creek	10.00
Hernando	94.28
Horn Lake	31.88
New Prospect	15.40
Olive Branch	25.32
Pleasant Hill	26.00
Trinity	6.65
GRENADA	
Emmanuel	12.00
Grenada, 1st	637.70
Hardy	6.00
Hebron	20.00
Holcomb	13.00
Pleasant Grove	13.22
Providence	6.75
MORE	
LAFAYETTE	
Abbeville	22.46
Anchor	5.00
Oxford, 1st	174.50
North Oxford	55.90
Philadelphia	22.10
New Prospect	17.13
Taylor	8.52
Yellow Leaf	12.75
Clear Creek	14.00
MARSHALL	
Byhalia	30.00
Coldwater	4.25
Holly Springs	152.40
Macedonia	5.00
Potts Camp	9.25
Slayden	47.92
Spring Hill	5.25
Cornerville	35.00
MONTGOMERY	
Duck Hill	42.75
Kilmichael	15.70
Milligan Springs	11.50
Scotland	13.00
Bethlehem	19.10
PANOLA	
Batesville	
1st	196.12
Calvary	3.80
Como	104.15
Courtland	5.00
Crenshaw	32.00
Enon	30.50
Good Hope	21.55
Hebron	20.00
Liberty Hill	7.51
McIvor	20.50
Peach Creek	33.01
Pilgrim's Rest	8.85
Pope	16.00
Sardis	96.22
Union Church	5.00
TALLAHATCHIE	
Cascilla	7.00
Charleston	395.00
Paynes	17.50
Phillip	27.00
Sumner	52.79
Tutwiler	123.11
Webb	38.25
Friendship No. 2	5.00
TATE	
Arkabutla	34.19
Central (Coldwater)	85.55
Evansville	31.52
Flag Lake	3.75
Hickory Grove	8.05
Mt. Zion	45.69
New Hope	12.06
Senatobia	149.27
Strayhorn	6.00
Wayatte	15.50
YALOBUSHA	
Coffeetown	64.05
Oakland	11.50
Water Valley	144.92

Sets Attendance Record

Shown here is Larry Joe Hunt,



the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hunt and seven-year-old member of the Primary Class of Bethlehem Church, Choctaw County. He was the only one in the Sunday School who recently finished a year's record of perfect attendance. Mrs. Dora Stacy is his Sunday School teacher. Rev. V. M. Woods is his pastor.

District IV

ALCORN

Corinth

First	195.54
East	7.50
Tate St.	13.98
West	48.80
Hinkle Creek	22.50
Kossuth	15.00
Rienzi	9.15
Wheeler Grove	7.27
Antioch	7.15
BENTON	
Ashland	25.00
Hickory Flat	60.20
CHICKASAW	
Amity	4.00
Houlka	28.90
Houston	140.00
Okolona	113.41
Union Chapel	34.00
Woodland	13.35
McComdy	12.00
Pleasant Ridge	8.68
ITAWAMBA	
Evergreen	10.00
Fulton (Trinity)	17.50
LEE	
Auburn	38.14
Belden	8.12
Bissell	22.13
Guntown	40.00
Nettleton	33.00
Plantersville	95.04
Priceville	11.00
Saltillo	38.80
Shannon	12.30
Sherman	63.50
Tupelo	
First	215.00
Second	6.00
Calvary	720.50
East	35.70
Parkway	22.00
Harrisburg	34.65
Verona	24.00
Mt. Zion	3.00

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MONROE	
Aberdeen	242.00
Amory	252.91
Becker	20.00
Calvary	3.00
Central Grove	11.00
New Prospect	20.00
Center Hill	5.00
Smithville	10.50
PONTOTOC	
Bellvue	5.00
Cherry Creek	23.45
Ecu	48.40
Emmanuel	16.00
Friendship	15.15
Furrs	10.35
Harmony	24.80
Longview	6.00
Pontotoc	
First	231.80
West Heights	8.00
Thaxton	5.00
Zion	29.58
Liberty	4.00
PRENTISS	
Baldwyn	45.80
Booneville	155.05
Eastside	16.87
Gaston	16.00
Wheeler	15.85
TIPPAH	
Blue Mountain	201.28
Chalybeate	96.50
Harmony	20.00
Palmer	5.25
Ripley	105.60
Walnut	32.00
Providence	5.20
Academy	6.95
TISHOMINGO	
Belmont	24.63
Burnsville	12.00
Iuka	55.67
New Prospect	15.00
Tishomingo	11.00
UNION	
Ingomar	35.93
Myrtle	50.00
Myrtle Temple	14.25
Wallerville	15.00
Neely Memorial	5.25
New Albany	273.15
New Prospect	8.00
Jericho	6.50
Locust Grove	25.00
District V	
ATTALA	
Bear Creek	10.00
Bera	3.15
Ethel	13.80
Hurricane	23.15
Kosciusko	
First	233.00
Second	5.00
McAdams	45.00
McCool	10.60
Pilgrim's Rest	4.25
Springdale	23.45
Unity	8.00
Williamsville	31.77
Sallis	31.80
Yockanookany	8.31
CHOCTAW	
Ackerman	128.00
Concord	44.62
Fellowship	14.90
French Camp	37.00
Weir	22.00
New Zion	6.00
CLAY	
Pheba	10.00
West Point	
First	420.82
West End	2.75
Siloam	13.00
LOWNDES	
Antioch	12.50
Artesia	7.00
Border Springs	40.25
Columbus	
Calvary	26.15

East End	47.52	Highland	96.75
First	733.78	Key Field	12.60
Plymouth St.	21.56	Oakland Heights	35.65
Southside	25.65	Poplar Springs	92.53
Mount Vernon	19.85	Southside	60.39
Mt. Zion	29.17	State Blvd.	69.81
New Salem	13.42	Midway	140.00
NOXUBEE		Mount Horeb	5.65
Brooksville	32.85	Mount Olive	8.00
Concord	64.00	Mount Vernon	11.76
Deerbrook	4.65	New Hope	20.69
Elon	7.00	Hebron	5.89
Macon	96.00	Oak Grove	179.45
Mashulaville	19.00	Russell	35.00
Shuqualak	96.50	Toomsaba	9.00
OKTIBBEHA		Fellowship	10.66
Adaton	15.00	Liberty	50.00
Bethesda	13.50	LEAKE	
Center Grove	11.00	Carthage	219.90
Longview	17.88	Friendship (Lena)	76.80
Maben	114.16	Freemay	12.00
Morgan's Chapel	11.00	Standing Pine	7.50
Self Creek	24.00	Thomastown	21.50
Starkville	313.73	Tuscola	37.72
Sturgis	21.10	Walnut Grove	33.00
WINSTON		New Prospect	4.12
Calvary	23.00	NESHOBA	
Ellison Ridge	10.00	Bond	20.00
Evergreen	4.70	Coldwater	19.73
Liberty	16.93	Deemer	11.00
Louisville		Hope	15.00
East Louisville	6.57	McDonald	10.00
First	223.99	Mt. Nelson	48.00
Louisville, South	12.00	Neshoba	18.00
Murphy Creek	16.65	New Bethel	5.10
Noxapater	90.55	Philadelphia	
Palmer	45.25	First	93.25
Enon	7.90	Beacon	27.25
ZION		East	16.40
Eupora	147.08	Sardis	20.00
Fellowship	7.50	Spring Creek	8.37
Mantee	32.00	New Harmony	7.00
Mathiston	21.95	Antioch	14.71
Philadelphia	5.00	NEW CHOCTAW	
Walshall	11.44	Macedonia	4.71
New Hope	21.00	Canaan	9.00
District VI		Pine Bluff	2.50
CLARKE		NEWTON	
DeSoto	15.00	Bethel	19.00
Enterprise	56.50	Chunky	25.00
Mont Rose	7.95	Decatur	25.69
Oak Grove	12.80	Duffee	6.25
Pachuta	27.20	Hickory	92.10
Pine Hill	7.00	Liberty	8.50
Pleasant Grove East	7.30	Midway	13.70
Pleasant Hill	31.17	Mt. Vernon	4.37
Quitman	124.58	New Ireland	5.00
Shubuta	34.35	Newton	336.92
Union	40.00	Union	99.20
Souenlovie	10.00	SCOTT	
JASPER		Forest	110.54
Bay Springs	252.39	Forkville	20.00
Fellowship	14.10	Harperville	29.79
Heidelberg	48.92	Hillsboro	8.50
Louin	19.00	Jerusalem (Ladlow)	19.30
Montrose	20.00	Lake	30.00
Mossville	37.50	Liberty	8.35
New Fellowship	16.35	Morton	40.06
Pine Grove	20.00	Ridge	8.50
Shady Grove	30.00	Branch	15.00
Stringer	12.50	Mount Olive	6.00
KEMPER		Sand Ridge	11.60
Blackwater	22.48	Springfield	127.61
DeKalb	28.60	Two Mile	16.20
Salem	5.00	SMITH	
Scoba	15.25	Beulah	8.40
LAUDERDALE		Burns	3.50
Arkadelphia	9.50	Lorena	16.00
Bethany	8.08	Mt. Pleasant	4.46
Carmel	9.55	Raleigh	56.00
Collinsville	7.93	Sylvarena	19.00
Daleville	10.00	Taylorville	200.00
Kewanee	97.00	Ted	2.40
Long Creek	9.52	White Oak	29.59
Macedonia	30.00	COVINGTON	
Marion	19.50	Cold Springs	12.00
Meridian		Collins	37.72
First	891.59	Mt. Horeb	7.50
41st Ave.	87.50	Mount Olive	48.00
8th Ave.	25.00	New Hope	14.50
15th Ave.	209.07	Salem	33.75
Eastview	9.25	Seminary	9.10
Grandview	5.50	GEORGE	
		Agricola	27.17

Williamson Promoted At Sunday School Board



DR. E. STANLEY WILLIAMSON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — Dr. E. Stanley Williamson has been appointed secretary of Co-operative Field Promotion in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds Ralph E. Longshore, who became superintendent of Adult Sunday School work on November 1, Dr. J. N. Barnette, department secretary announced recently.

Before coming to the Board in 1953 as superintendent of intermediate Sunday School work, Dr. Williamson was education and music director in various churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

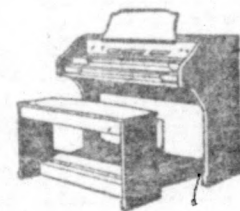
He is a graduate of Ounchita College, and holds the M.R.E. and D.R.E. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Barton	20.65
Lucedale	192.65
Rocky Creek	54.23
GREENE	
Cedar Grove	16.43
Leakesville	56.20
McLain	36.83
Pine Leavel	34.00
Unity	7.70
Fellowship	5.50
GULF COAST	
Bay St. Louis	32.00
Big Ridge	17.00
Biloxi	
First	166.02
Second	11.60
Gulfport, First	411.76
Fernwood	8.27
Grace Memorial	33.00
Long Beach	34.69
Lyman	7.40
McHenry	6.00
Pass Christian	50.00
Riverside	8.30
Woolmarket	5.00
Immanuel	12.72
Perkinston	4.00
Mississippi City	16.35
Gulfport Heights	10.00
Broadmoor	26.00
JACKSON	
Bellefontaine	18.50
Friendship	9.10
Gautier	16.00
Kreole	6.79
Moss Point	
First	494.50
East	27.15
Ocean Springs	118.00
Pascagoula	
First	327.91
Eastlawn	16.70
Eastside	18.13
Riverside	30.00
Unity	3.00
Vancleave	3.60
Immanuel	4.00

Hurley	7.00
JONES	
Bethlehem	20.10
Ellisville	
First	59.64
Calvary	8.00
Emmanuel	7.00
Fairfield	21.45
Glade	9.02
Harmony	23.85
Hebron	6.86
Indian Springs	12.00
Laurel	
First	538.03
Eastview	50.10
Highland	115.85
Joe Wheeler	5.00
Second Ave.	115.55
South	14.00
West	31.15
Wildwood	22.00
Mpselle	42.25
Myrick	
Beulah	5.00
Freedom	8.00
Ovett	19.00
Pine Grove	13.30
Sandersville	15.51
Sharon	30.25
Soso	20.60
Summerland	17.15
Tucker's Crossing	5.00
Magnolia's Street	10.00
LAMAR	
Baxterville	7.00
Bellevue	10.65
Hickory Grove	15.09
Military	6.00
Oloah	21.00
Oral	18.18
Sumrall	60.00
Richburg	8.05
LEBANON	
Calvary	3.00
Big Leavel	8.70
Brooklyn	45.00
Carterville	3.00
Dixie	12.00
Glendale	42.56
Green's Creek	13.60
Hattiesburg	
First	227.74
Bowie St.	7.00
Central	12.50
Immanuel	153.27
Lakeview	12.18
Main Street	135.40
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Petal	
First	7.00
Harvey	75.44
Temple	5.73
Purvis	50.00
Rawls Springs	37.93
Wiggins	57.00
Zion Hill	34.00
PEARL RIVER	
Bethel	36.30
Carriere	21.97
Corinth	10.00
Goodyear	9.05
Harmony	6.50
Juniper Grove	13.50
McNeil	6.64
New Palestine	57.15
Nicholson	11.50
Oakhill	19.06
Ozona	2.00
Pine Grove	6.14
Picayune	109.08
Poplarville	
First	41.60
West	10.00
Santa Rosa	10.25
Springhill	8.35
West Union	5.00
PERRY	
Arlington	5.00
Beaumont	40.58
Brewer	8.10
Goodhope	4.00
Indian Springs	9.50
New Augusta	29.38
Richton	305.74
Runnelstown	6.30
Seminary	10.00
WAYNE	
Big Creek	6.00
Bucatunna	29.00
Clara	14.75
Eucata	2.32
Evergreen	18.00
Mt. Zion	26.35
Pleasant Grove	10.00
State Line	25.00
Waynesboro	
First	50.00
Calvary	20.55
District VIII	
FRANKLIN	
Bude	106.84
Concord	17.04
Hopewell	36.85
Lucien	15.85
Meadville	150.00
Mt. Zion	8.00
New Salem	17.00
Providence	18.78
Quentin	10.00
Roxie	33.40
Siloam	12.35
Eddiceton	8.50
Springhill	12.90
JEFF DAVIS	
Bassfield	30.55
Bethany	15.65
Carson	22.25
Dublin	14.27
Ebenezer	23.50
Hathorn	14.50
Hebron	36.50

Hepzibah	14.25
Oak Grove	13.80
Prentiss	387.65
Society Hill	23.25
White Sand	90.00
Victory	2.75
LAWRENCE	
Antioch	9.50
Calvary	20.85
Carmel	1.50
Crooked Creek	6.15
Jayess	5.00
Monticello	85.25
New Hebron	148.51
New Hope	7.75
Nola	7.00
Shiloh	16.50
Wanilla	4.00
Oakvale	14.25
Riverside	5.00
LINCOLN	
Arlington	30.00
Bethel	11.00
Brookhaven	
First	424.68
Central	20.50
Southway	14.60
Calvary	16.50
Clear Branch	17.60
Fair River	12.00
Friendship	15.00
Gum Grove	15.60
Heuck's Retreat	30.40
Macedonia	18.00
Moak's Creek	55.26
Montgomery	27.25
Mt. Moriah	102.40
Mt. Pleasant	17.00
Mt. Zion	31.53
New Prospect	27.14
New Sight	25.05
Pearl Haven	11.60
Philadelphia	4.50
Pleasant Grove	42.00
Ruth	36.32
Union Hall	13.00
Halbert Heights	4.00
MARION	
Bunker Hill	106.20
Cedar Grove	6.11
Clear Creek	17.00
Columbia	
First	309.50
Calvary	72.53
East	74.25
North	17.45
Foxworth	43.50
Goss	35.00
Hurricane Creek	15.00
Improve	50.30
Kokomo	6.50
New Hope	8.15
Pine Burr	9.00
MISSISSIPPI	
Calvary	25.00
Centreville	75.93
Crosby	70.16
East Fork	46.25
Gillsburg	55.00
Glading	3.15
Gloster	139.16
Hebron	15.50
Liberty	228.67
Mars Hill	143.90
Mt. Olive	7.25
Mt. Vernon	19.00
New Zion	4.00
Oak Grove	10.00

Bethlehem, Laurel Has Good Revival

Bethlehem Church, Laurel, closed a successful revival December 5th having the largest number in Training Union in the history of the church, 229. The attendance in Sunday School was the second largest in history, being 212. The Revival Spirit broke out one week prior to the coming of the evangelist, Rev. Joe Nolan, and the singer, Bob Walin. During these two weeks there were 10 for baptism, 12 by letter, 10 young people surrendering for full-time Christian vocation, and 8 rededications. Since October 1st, there have been 37 additions to the church: 20 by baptism and 17 by letter. Rev. Warren H. Rush is the pastor.

Woodville	42.98
Zion Hill	25.00
Berwick	16.74
PIKE	
Bola Chitto	8.25
Calvary	36.50
Friendship	30.25
Fernwood	16.60
Holmesville	15.00
McComb	
First	700.18
Central	116.00
East	106.11
Locust St.	15.55
South	85.00
Magnolia	108.25
Mt. Zion	10.00
Navilla	10.50
Osyka	66.68
Progress	36.00
Silver Creek	11.55
Silver Springs	36.00
Summit	38.25
Sunny Hill	26.00
Tangipohoa	16.50
Terry Creek	10.50
Thompson	41.60
Union	8.00
UNION	
Calvary	4.00
Cloverdale	12.00
Cranfield	1.50
Elmo	16.79
Fayette	14.25
Fellowship-Lorman	1.53
Natchez	
First	915.00
Fellowship	17.78
Immanuel	32.35
West Side	40.04
Friendship	11.31
Pleasant Hill	8.65
Port Gibson	113.06
Red Lick	17.45
Springfield Chapel	20.00
Union Church	27.30
Unity	21.50
Washington	17.37
Riverside	22.00
Morgantown	25.81
WALTHALL	
Crystal Springs	14.65
Dinan	7.50
Enon	12.00
Lexie	74.48

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A number of changes have been made in the drill for this year. Some of these are:

1. Time limit extended.
2. Handicapped Juniors are urged to participate.
3. Memory verses for the church, association, and district drills are from October 1954, to April, 1955; for the state drill, October, 1954, through August, 1955.
4. Number of mistakes in the church, association, district, and state drills increased.

Please read the pamphlet for complete details of the changes. If you do not have the new Junior Memory Work Drill pamphlet, request as many as you need from the Baptist Training Union Department, Box 500, Jackson.

Bible Readers Certificates

Five members of the New Zion Baptist Church near Braxton, Mississippi have qualified for daily Bible reading certificates according to Mr. James K. Dear.

It is necessary for Adults who desire to receive this certificate to read their daily Bible readings for two years without missing a day. Three Adults have qualified for the certificate. They are Mr. Charlie Barlow, Miss Mary A. Shorter and Mr. S. M. Andrews.

It is necessary for Juniors and Intermediates to read their Bible readings for one year without missing a day in order to receive recognition. Paul Andrews of Brax-

Mesa	21.67
New Zion	24.00
Salem	5.50
Tylertown	275.00
Union	48.00
Knox	11.80
Magee's Creek	10.78

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Deer Brook Church, Noxubee County. They are friends of long standing.

lan, an Intermediate, is entitled to receive a certificate because of this perfect record as well as James Earl Dear, a Junior.

In order to receive seals for these certificates, it will be necessary for the Adults to read their Bible readings for two additional consecutive years and for the Intermediates to read their readings for one additional year.

Enlargement Campaign

New Hope Baptist Church

Simpson, Association

New Hope Baptist Church of Simpson, Association recently engaged in an enlargement campaign. Miss Louise Hill of the State Training Union Department taught the Young People and Adults and directed the campaign. Miss Olivia Houghton of Collins taught the Juniors and Miss Peggy Houghton of Collins taught the Intermediates. Sixteen Juniors were enrolled with thirteen receiving awards. Nineteen Intermediates were enrolled and nineteen Intermediates were present on the last night of the course. Sixty-four were enrolled in the course with an average attendance of fifty-one, with more than forty being present every night. Forty-eight will receive awards for completing the course.

Mr. S. F. Carlisle, Jr. is the Training Union Director of New Hope Baptist Church. Mrs. S. F. Carlisle, Jr. led in the visitation program for the week.

Banquet at Mt. Olive

The Training Union Department of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Olive recently sponsored a church-wide banquet. The program was on the theme of enlargement presented as a football game. Mr. Frank Kelly served as toastmaster. Mrs. Earl B. Hinton, Training Union Director discussed the "Line of Scrimmage" — what the Training Union does for the individual and his church. Mr. Frank Jones, Sunday School Superintendent, kicked the Extra Point, pledging the full support of the Sunday School. Mrs. Hugh B. Barnes, wife of Dr. Hugh B. Barnes, was crowned Training Union Queen by Miss Joan McDaniel, associate director.

The Training Union sweetheart, Miss Dona Merle Dickson, rendered two vocal numbers. Mr. Paul Shirley also rendered a vocal number. Mr. Kermit King was the speaker of the evening.

The touchdown was made when the church presented the pastor, Rev. C. O. Estes a new Royal typewriter as a surprise. The food was prepared and served by the ladies of the church to approximately 160 members and guests.

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What? .. Annual Leadership Conferences

When? .. January 10-14

Where? .. One in Every Association

Who? All Church Leaders, Officers, Workers

Why? .. To Strengthen the Local Church

Listed below is the complete schedule of Conferences, showing the Association, Host Church and Conducting Team. All meetings conducted by each team will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, in order, as listed, 7:30 PM. (NOTE: No Wednesday Night Meetings.)

Association—Host Church	Team For Week
Jackson—Pascagoula, First	Chester Quarles
Gulf Coast—Gulfport, First	W. L. Stagg, Jr.
Lebanon, Hattiesburg, First	John Maddox
Pearl River—Poplarville, First	
Lamar—Baxterville	Martin Gilbert
Marion—Columbia, First	Clark McMurray
Walshall—Tylertown, First	Wyatt Hunter
Pike—McComb, First	
Mississippi—Centreville	W. R. Roberts
Union—Natchez, First	Estas Mason
Franklin—Meadville	Luther J. Thompson
Lincoln—Brookhaven, First	
Lawrence—Monticello	W. A. Keel
Jeff Davis—Prentiss, First	Meek Bomar
Covington—Collins, First	Joe Hudson
Simpson—Mendenhall	
Copiah—Hazlehurst, First	Edwina Robinson
Yazoo—Yazoo City, First	John McCall
Hinds—Jackson, Calvary	W. C. Fields
Warren—Vicksburg, First	
Smith—Raleigh	Lee Galkman
Jasper—Bay Springs	Percy Cooper
Scott—Forest	L. E. Green
Newton—Newton, First	
Clarke—Quitman, First	Kernit King
Lauderdale—Meridian, First	T. R. McKibbens
Jones—Laurel, First	Joe Odie
Neshoba—Philadelphia, First	
Noxubee—Macon, First	W. C. Morgan
Winston—Louisville, First	Troy Prince
Attala—Kosciusko, First	James Monroe
Leake—Carthage	
Riverside—Clarksdale, Oakhurst	A. L. Goodrich
Tallahatchie—Charleston, First	Grant Clark
Leflore—Greenwood, First	Brooks Wester
Sharkey—Issq.—Rolling Fork, First	

Association—Host Church	Team For Week
Humphreys—Belzoni, First	Harry L. Spencer
Washington—Greenville, Parkview	J. S. Riser
Bolivar—Merigold	John E. Barnes
Sunflower—Indianola, First	
Holmes—Lexington, First	Auber J. Wilds
Carroll—North Carrollton	Joe Olander
Grenada—Grenada, First	Jack Sutherland
Montgomery—Winona, First	
Lowndes—Columbus, First	Paul Boothe
Oktibbeha—Starkville, First	E. L. Mohon
Zion—Mathison	S. R. Woodson
Choctaw—Ackerman	
Clay—West Point, First	E. B. Patterson
Monroe—Amory, First	John Landrum
Rawamba—Fulton, Trinity	Hoffman Harris
Tishomingo—Iuka, First	
Alcorn—Corinth, Tate St.	Joe Abrams
Prentiss—Booneville, First	C. M. Day
Lee—Tupelo, Harrisburg	Howard Aultman
Pontotoc—Pontotoc, First	
Tippah—Lowrey Memorial	Joel Ray
Benton—Ashland	David Cranford
Union Co.—New Albany, First	J. R. Davis
Lafayette—Oxford, First	
Marshall—Holly Springs, First	C. E. Wilbanks
DeSoto—Hernando, First	Chester Molpus
Tate—Senatobia, First	C. H. Ostrell
Panola—Batesville, First	
Chickasaw—Houston, First	Charles Horner
Calhoun—Calhoun City, First	Arthur Houghton
Yalobusha—Coffeeville	Rewe Holcomb
Madison—Canton, First	
George—Lucedale, First	Lincoln Newman
Green—Leakesville	James Hurt
Perry—Riches, First	Tom DeLaughter
Wayne—Waynesboro, First	
Kemper—DeKalb	G. G. Pierce
New Choctaw—Botham	C. O. Estes
Rankin—Brandon	C. A. Webb

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THE CONVENTION

Space does not permit as lengthy an evaluation of our 1954 Convention as we should like to write.

This year's meeting, we believe, lastingly blessed the lives of all who attended. Our presiding officer, James Rogers, Delta State, was a blessing. The Program Committee composed of Harold Gully, BSU Director for Pearl River Junior; Betty Jo Runnels, MSCW, and Betty Jo Flowers, William Carey, arranged the many blessings derived from the program. Numerous students and student workers and college pastors contributed their prayers and work.

Surely all of us are deeply grateful to Pastor Clyde C. Bryan, and Educational Director J. L. Garriett and the staff of First Church, Hattiesburg, and to Rev. Louis Farmer, Jr., BSU Director for Mississippi Southern, for their leadership in entertaining the Convention. And to Miss Jewel Hannah, BSU Director, and Miss Mona Daughdrill, BSU President, of William Carey, and to the students of Southern and Carey, goes our sincere appreciation for their help.

Jim Woodward, of Southern Seminary, did a really marvelous job as Song Leader and leader of our State Choir, and Sylvia Green, MSCW, organist, and Tommy Hilbun, Mississippi College, pianist, were excellent accompanists.

To so many goes our gratitude: to the Mississippi College Choralists, to the speakers and leaders in the program, viz., Rev. Russell McIntire, Mrs. J. O. Williams, Dr. John M. Price, Jr., the Funspira-

tion leaders from MSCW, Mr. J. Chester Durham, Mr. L. V. Martin, Rev. John A. Parker, Dr. Chester Quarles, Mr. Bill Cody, Dr. John E. Barnes, Dr. George Schweitzer, Miss Barbara Odom, Dr. Glen Pearson, Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., Mr. W. A. Taylor, Dr. Tony Sorenson, Mr. Leonard Lowrey, Judge Sebe Dale, Mrs. Hortense Unger, Miss Loyette Webb, Mrs. I. E. Rouse, the Discussion Leaders Dr. Jack Lyall and the William Carey Choir and many others.

We thank God for the large crowds which attended. Probably 1400 different people attended at least a part of the Convention. About 800 paid registration fees.

But most of all we are thankful unto the Lord for the spiritual impact of the Convention upon the lives of so many of us who are determined, through Him, to be true and faithful disciples of His in this twentieth century.

Our prayers are with Charles Smith, of Delta State, and Olen Nell, of East Central Junior, who made public their decision to be a medical missionary and a full-time Christian worker, respectively.

A total of \$392.31 was given for Student Summer Missions Saturday night and at Sunday School during the Convention which, added to the \$1019.41 already in the fund, makes a grand total of \$1411.72 on the \$3,000 goal voted by the Convention to send five students to the West, two to work among the Negroes of Mississippi and one among the Indians of Mississippi next summer.

DR. CHARLES S. HENDERSON

Mississippians will be saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Charles S. Henderson, who died December 21 at Memphis hospital. He was 73.

He retired as pastor of the Horn Lake Church three years ago. He had held pastorates in Calhoun, Georgia, where he was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and in Greenville.

He was formerly a Mississippi member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and at the time of his death he was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Williams, Alice, Arkansas, and Mrs. C. M. Billingsley, Horn Lake; and a son, Charles, Jr. of Tunica.

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OBU Professor To Head SBC Royal Ambassadors

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Edward H. Hurt, Jr., professor of physical education and athletic director, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., has been elected Royal Ambassador secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention. Announcement of Hurt's election was made by George Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., on behalf of the Brotherhood Commission and the joint committee for the promotion of RA work composed of Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union leaders.

Hurt, who for the past twenty years has been in his present position, will begin work February 1, 1955. A graduate of OBU, Hurt received the M.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma and did graduate work there for the doctorate degree.

He was elected coach of the year in his conference in 1951, and for the past thirteen years OBU under his coaching has won track and field conference championships.

Rev. John B. Laney, Lafayette county Superintendent of Missions, reports three new pastors in that county. They are: Rev. James Fondren to Abbeville; Rev. D. H. Bryant to Old Union; Rev. Donald Byers to Delay.

Union Church Has Unique Thanks Service

Members of the Union Church, Mississippi Association, observed Thanksgiving Day in a most unique way this year. Instead of gathering with friends and loved ones in their homes and eating the traditional "Thanksgiving Dinner" they gathered at the church and spent the day working on an educational annex to the church.

However, the "Thanksgiving Dinner" was not missed, for, when noon came the ladies of the church brought the dinner and spread it on a table at the church.

There was a special meaning to Thanksgiving for these people this year, and, not the least among things for which they are thankful is the fact that the educational annex will soon be finished which will provide ample space for their Sunday School and Training Union. Rev. David J. Irby is the pastor.

A. D. Bates Is New Educational Director At Main Street Church

A. D. Bates of Richmond, Virginia, has joined the church staff of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg as educational director. Mr. Bates assumed his new duties on Dec. 8. He fills the office left vacant by Wallace Parham who left Hattiesburg to become educational director at First Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Bates was born in Hillsdale, Michigan, and reared in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee and of Southwestern Seminary Fort Worth, Texas. He has served as B.S.U. secretary for the University of Arkansas and the University of Florida, and he was educational director of West Jackson Church, Jackson, Tennessee and Northside Church, Richmond, Virginia.

"TAKE TIME TO PLAN"

"Take Time to Plan" is the title of a new color film produced by Broadman Films. The film, with the exception of a few scenes, was produced in First Church, Biloxi last spring. The first commercial film finished was sent to First Church, Biloxi, and will be shown there on the night of Dec. 19.

Practically all the people in "Take Time to Plan" are members of First Church, Biloxi, except the narrator, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Bass, and others of the Department of Church Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The names of all the people in "Take Time to Plan" are fictitious. The names of the church and city are also unidentified.

The Department of Church Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board sponsored the production of "Take Time to Plan," as it deals with the problems of building churches, how to overcome the problems, the value of more building space and the value of adequate equipment.

Dr. G. C. Hodge is pastor of First Church, Biloxi.

N. O. Seminary Presents Radio Program On WSMB

The Radio program, "Faith For Life," produced by the School of Religious Education of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary can be heard every Sunday at 8:30 a. m., on Station WSMB (1350) in New Orleans.

The program is prepared by the Radio Department under the supervision of Professor Wilbur Swartz who is the director of the Department of Arts and Crafts. "Faith For Life" is written and announced by Don Minton, graduate student and teacher of Church Publicity.

"Faith For Life" features the sermons of Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant, author, minister, and professor of Church History at the Seminary. Dr. St. Amant draws from his years of research, travel and experience in presenting messages designed to meet life's situation.

Music for "Faith For Life" is presented by the Seminary School of Music under the direction of Dr. W. Plunkett Martin. The Seminary Choral Club and the Men's Chorus contribute special musical effects. The regular Radio Choir is directed by Mr. Kenneth Hartley.

Professor Joe Bartlett, Miss Frances Brown, Mr. Claude Rhea and Mr. Gene Wilson of the Music School present solo selections. The new Ada Kelly Sudduth Memorial Organ is played by Miss Beatrice Collins and Miss Peggy Snider.

Copies of Dr. St. Amant's sermons are offered free to anyone who sends his name and address to The Baptist Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans 22, Louisiana.

HOW YOUR MONEY WENT

That Mississippi Baptists may know how their contributions for the past Convention year were used, there is given below the statement issued by Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC. The figures given are for Cooperative Program monies. All designated funds were spent exactly as prescribed by the donors.

S. B. C. Budget Fund \$ 4,940.53
Foreign Mission Board 224,005.82
Home Mission Board 74,581.01
Relief and Annuity

Board	39,471.70
Southern Baptist Seminary	29,590.63
Southwestern Baptist Seminary	29,590.63
New Orleans Baptist Seminary	32,323.69
Southeastern Seminary	24,650.10
Golden Gate Seminary	19,289.10
Radio Commission	6,780.09
American Baptist Seminary Commission	5,045.65
Carver School of Missions and Social Work	18,605.84
Woman's Missionary Union	
Southern Baptist Hospital	8,041.51
Baptist Brotherhood Commission	2,995.86
Public Affairs Committee	735.82
Baptist World Alliance	1,208.85
Southern Baptist Foundation	735.82
Education Commission	1,108.74
Christian Life Commission	735.82
Historical Commission	1,156.30
Miscellaneous	
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Sunday School Lesson

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For December 19.
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST.

Bible Texts: Psalm 148; Matt. 1:9-25; Luke 2:1-20.

INTRODUCTION.

So here we are back again at the Christmas season. The Christmas seasons follow each other, season after season. Each return of the season fills me with regret that so many of our people have lost the real significance of the matter, and have turned the Holy-day into a holiday, have secularized the season, commercialized it, degraded it, debauched it, raped it of its meaning and turned it into a heathen Bacchanal.

There is everything right and nothing wrong in seeking the state of happiness and manly tenderness of heart, of making of any season a time for forgiving old wrongs and overlooking old causes of rancor and ill-feeling, of giving gifts to friends, of making new friends, of binding old friends to one's side as with hoops of steel; provided the spirit in which all this is done be not that of pure selfishness which takes not the Christ in whose honor the day is supposedly set aside into the slightest account.

Go to church for an hour? Well, maybe, but hurry the service, please; there is a punch bowl of eggnog plentifully "spiked" awaiting at the deacon's and we want to get at it! For a week, nay, for two or three weeks, we have been busy getting ready the gifts we give our friends and wondering what they will give us in return.

What of a gift to the Christ? What gift would He the most highly appreciate? Suppose someone should suggest that it would gladden the heart of the Eternal should someone win a soul for Him and thus present Him with the gift of another soul as a citizen of His kingdom, another child for the family of God? Suppose someone should suggest that during the Christmas holidays a church should plan for an evangelistic and revival season, the purpose of which should be to call professing Christians into a closer walk and fellowship with God, and the winning of lost men into loyalty to Him who said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

What nature of response would such a suggestion provoke? Suppose you try it, as this writer has, and see. Give this writer but once to see the day kept in such manner as to accord honor and praise and glory and dominion to Him from whom all honors are, and this writer would be moved to say with ancient Simeon, "Now, Lord, thou art letting thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen thy glory."

II. THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS A-TIPTOE.

Like men who wait for the morning and look to the saffron east for the rise of the sun, these men to whom the Spirit of the Lord gave power to look into the future and

behold there the glory of the coming of the Blessed, these old spokesmen of God saw beforehand the coming of the Prince of Peace.

I recall a time in my study of the Messianic element in the Old Testament when, having examined to some slight extent the wonderful Book of Genesis, I remarked to my teacher that there is enough of Christ Jesus in Genesis to lead the world to faith in the Savior, my great teacher made answer, "Of course! That is the reason I set you to work at this task. I wanted you to find the Lord in Genesis, and I am right glad you did."

Look for Him in the Law; He is there; look for Him in the books of history; He is there; look for Him in the songs of spirit-lighted Job and seraph-souled David and whatever other Greathearts God dowered with the gift of song; Christ is there; look for Him in the words of Isaiah, greatest of all the orators whose golden words have enriched the vocabulary of the world, and the words of all the other God-enlightened men who are grouped especially as prophets; you will find Him there, the Savior of the faithful, the Hope of this war-weary world.

This hope in the hearts of God's chosen people is not peculiarly theirs. This hope has beaten in the breasts of millions of peoples of other faiths and religious fealties. I think it may be fearlessly said that no great people has lived that did not cherish a hope of a coming Deliverer, however vague and shadowy their conception of him might be. The heart of the race has throbbed with a desire for a deliverer that no device of the devil has ever been able to quench.

III. THE DOCTRINE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH.

Whether you care to know it, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, recently published by the Nelsons is not my favorite version. But I deprecate the slanderous attacks which have been made upon it by persons who lacked knowledge of that whereof they spoke, or lacked a wholesome respect for the simple truth. My wife and I are engaged in the very pleasant and profitable task of reading this new revision through. Only once or twice since its publication have I taken a copy of this revision into the pulpit. After I had read from it in the pulpit sometime ago, a sister came and asked whether I had read from the new version, and when I had asserted that it was even so, she said that she had heard a radio broadcast some days before in which some Baptist preacher in Texas said the book was blasphemous; because it robbed Jesus of His diety.

For answer I opened the book at Matt. 1:23, and Luke 1:27 in both of which places it is asserted that Jesus was virgin-begotten; but the dear little lady asserted again what this Texas Baptist preacher had said. At that point I yielded to the impatience of a parson and said, "Sister, whether in Texas or out, that brother is not the first Baptist preacher who lied."

Matthew says that the virgin birth took place to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah, "Behold, a virgin shall be called Immanuel." "Immanuel" means "God with us," and signified that Almighty God,

VAN WINKLE MISSION ADDS 10 IN REVIVAL

Rev. Paul Lee, pastor of Trinity Church, Vicksburg, was the evangelist for the recent revival at Van Winkle Mission, Jackson. Tommy Davis, music director at Van Winkle Church, led the singing.

There were 10 additions, six by baptism and four by letter; 11 rededications, three who surrendered to preach, and three who surrendered to special Christian service.

In the past five months there have been 44 additions to the mission; the attendance in Sunday School, Training Union, and prayer meeting have more than doubled. The offerings also have doubled and the mission has adopted a budget of \$5,331. The total membership is 118.

Rev. C. R. Maples is the pastor.

W. T. WARING ACCEPTS CENTRAL, BROOKHAVEN

Dr. W. T. Waring has resigned the pastorate of the Escatawpa Church in order to accept the call of the Central Church at Brookhaven. He begins his work with Central on January 1.

During Dr. Waring's pastorate at Escatawpa a \$15,000 parsonage was erected, 54 people received by baptism, the Sunday school reached the A-1 standard, and the foundation laid for a new auditorium which will be built in the next three months.

Dr. Waring has been active in associational affairs, serving as Chairman of the Simultaneous Crusade, associate moderator, and president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Jackson County. He has also taught in the Negro Seminary Center. Mrs. Waring has served as Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

beholding our hapless estate, took human nature upon Him that He might be with us to understand and sympathize and save. This last "save" is in the name Jesus, which the angel told Joseph should be the name of the virgin-begotten Son of Mary.

IV. THE REAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

One of adoration. "His name above all names shall stand, Exalted more and more; at God the Father's own right hand. Where angel hosts adore." At this season, let men adore Him.

One of Service. Let all the house of Adam know assuredly that God has made Him Lord and Christ, this Jesus who so long ago was born of a virgin mother, and because of that knowledge, let all His professed followers renew their vows of loyalty to Him and enter anew upon His service.

One of communion. His servants may enjoy in a fullness blessed the privilege of living in fellowship with Him, as with a Master who puts His own strong hand to the task unto which he sets His own.

One of submission to His will, even as His spirit in the lonely garden was one of absolute submission to the Father's righteous will, even though there was that in His nature which cried aloud, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me." For it is only in this spirit of absolute submission to His, as a righteous and holy will and way, that we may obtain happiness in this world.

Salem Church Re-Opens

Quite often the Baptist Record carries articles concerning the establishment of new churches and missions, but it is seldom that it carries a report of a church being reactivated after being closed for more than a dozen years.

Although one of the oldest churches in Tate county, Salem church closed its doors more than 12 years ago. Prior to that time it had been a wide-awake active church.

Under the leadership of Luther Price and other members of the community, the pastor of First Church, Senatobia, Dr. Clyde Martin, was asked to aid in the re-opening of the church.

The First Church has agreed to take the Salem Church as a mission project and Dr. Martin, for the time-being, will serve as pastor of the mission with services each Sunday afternoon.

The first service was held November 8 and in spite of rain there were 60 people at the first service. In the vicinity are several families, including many children who have no other possibility of attending church and Sunday school.

In addition to organizing a Sunday School, it is planned to have a Training Union, as well as the other organizations. It is also hoped that in the near future it will be strong enough to be reorganized as a church.

Conference of Jackson County. He has also taught in the Negro Seminary Center. Mrs. Waring has served as Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO

In a recent fire at the Baptist Orphanage Superintendent, J. R. Carter and Mrs. Carter, lost every book in their possession except their "every day" Bibles.

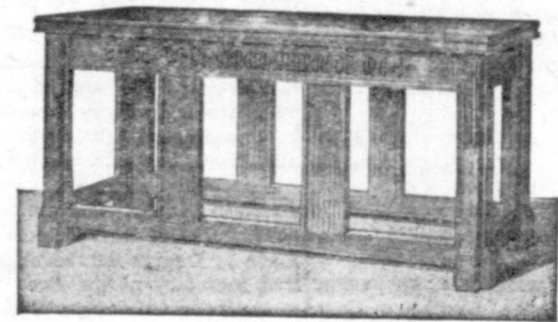
40 YEARS AGO

Editor P. I. Lipsey comes out in the BAPTIST RECORD with an editorial advocating a Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans. This was conceded to be the beginning of the movement to establish the Baptist Bible Institute in that great worldly city, which today as the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is one of the greatest evangelizing agencies of Southern Baptists.

Pastor C. C. Jones reports a successful meeting of days at Mendenhall during which there were 28 additions, eight by baptism. Rev. W. A. Borum of Jackson, assisted.

25 YEARS AGO

It is announced that Frank Leavell of the Baptist Student Union department of the Sunday School Board will direct a special student union program over the radio on the night of Dec. 29 and all BSU groups throughout the South assemble and listen in. (This was the first, and fore-runner of our present Student Night Programs in the various churches of the South.)



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"NOT GUILTY"

Those were indeed precious words to this writer, his entire family, and to thousands of loyal friends throughout this state, and even other states, as the jury gave its verdict in the case of our older daughter, on Thursday night, December 2, at 8:42.

All of us had gone through the two most strenuous months of our lives, from the night of September 30 to that final night of December 2.

But in it all, we had not been alone. Thousands of precious friends had stayed by all the time, and then God made Himself very near. We thank Him more and more for all He did for us in those days, when the clouds were low.

However, in the heart of this writer, there was from the beginning, a calm, confident feeling that all would be right with us. It was not a presumptuous optimism, but one of deep, definite assurance. We never at any time asked God to bear our part of the load, or to make it easy, necessarily, but to give us strength for it and to encourage us in it. We were willing all the time to take our part, knowing full well that it would be a difficult one.

The many friends were wonderful, indeed! We thank God for them, and pray the choicest blessings upon them. They came from all the walks and callings of life.

Shortly after the occurrence, a Jackson banker said to this writer, "Your real friends will stay with you, and the other folks don't matter."

Well, the friends really stayed with us, all right, and to the very end.

After we returned home that night from the court house, the trial over, and the news being flashed out over television and radio, our telephone rang many times. Once, as Mrs. Williams answered, the one at the other end of the line said, "I'm the janitor down at the (and gave the

name of the building, which is a Jackson municipal building), and I just wants to say I've mighty glad it came out as it did."

We appreciated that so much. Yes, friends!

All these years we thought we had appreciated our friends, and we had to a great extent, but nothing like we do now.

Before our daughter and her three fine children moved back to their home, she and her mother were working out plans for some inside painting, cleaning up, and making some changes in and about the house.

Some of the neighbors heard of the plans and told this writer that when they got the paints (which one of them got at wholesale) that several of them had already agreed to go there for about two nights after they got off from work and do the painting for them.

They said it was a mighty poor neighbor who would not help another in time of need. That kind of help is sincere and true—straight from the heart. The ladies of the community told us that when they moved back just to let them know, so they could give her a sure-enough, old-fashioned, rousing welcome home. God bless them.

For forty years we have been preaching the gospel that God can help us in any and all the experiences of life, no matter what they are.

We are still, with even more conviction, preaching that same message.

When this occurred on September 30, we thought within us that here now is a very different and yet definite case to try this out that we had been telling others of for so long.

Brethren, it works. God is able to help us in any experience of life, no matter what it is. He is able and willing.

How many times through these last weeks have we read again many of those great old promises of God as given in His Word! Yes, we read them and rejoiced that they are there, just as firm and true and meaningful as when He gave them to those who wrote them so many years ago.

God does not promise a life of ease to his children, but he does promise that he will be with us. That is the main thing.

We should not ask him for the easy things, because that may be our undoing. Often where sacrifice begins blessing begins. That may be his way for making our lives more useful. The main thing is the result at the end. As the song says, "the toils of the road will seem nothing, when we stand at the end of the way." We do not mind the hard part, if there is victory in the end, and there always is with God.

And so, once again our very

DR. A. D. MUSE DIES IN KENTUCKY

Dr. A. D. Muse, 65, native and former resident of Mississippi, died Wednesday in Louisville, Ky., where he has lived for the last ten years and operated the Heart's Harbor Tabernacle.

He was ordained as a Baptist minister at the age of 16, and for many years had been in evangelistic work. He has held pastorate in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Kentucky. In recent years he devoted his full time to the operation of the tabernacle that he built. He received his education at Mississippi College and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nettie Keiger Muse, Louisville, a daughter, Mrs. Mac Hix, Memphis, a son, Ralph Muse, in the Air Force in California; two brothers, Henry Muse, Mendenhall, and J. M. Muse, Clinton.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

December 20 — Rev. John E. Gore, Jasper Associational Missionary; Frances T. Carter, Clarke College faculty.

December 21 — L. R. White, Panama Associational Training Union Director; Mrs. M. H. James, Tallahatchie Associational W. M. U. Superintendent.

December 22 — C. F. Randle, Pontotoc Associational Brotherhood President; Bryant M. Cummings, Lincoln Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

December 23 — Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Baptist Building; Dr. W. C. Fields, President, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

December 24 — Russell Bush, Jr., Trustee, Baptist Orphanage; Dr. S. B. Platt, Trustee, Mississippi College.

December 25 — Harvey Hedgepeth, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; R. B. Thomas, Trustee, William Carey College.

December 26 — Student Night at Christmas; W. C. Thompson, Education Commission.

sincere thanks to all who helped us. For every letter, every card, every telephone call, every telegram, every tray of food, every box of candy, every piece of fruit, every flower, every personal visit, every word, handclasp, pat on the back or shoulder, every prayer, every thought, every look of sympathy, every feeling of interest—all, we hereby tender our most sincere and humble thanks.

Also, to Judge Leon Hendrick, who made it a fair and impartial trial, and to our very able attorneys, to Jailers Boelter and Sanderford, to our many and fine witnesses, and all the others, we hereby express to you our genuine and most sincere thanks for your kindness, your graciousness, your help in every way.

And finally, to the thousands from many places, near and far, who manifested such deep interest, and helped so much we express our gratitude. You are wonderful.

Of course, to God be all the glory.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL RATINGS.

Below is a list of ratings given during the State Music Festival held in Jackson on November 26. All ratings not appearing in this week's issue will be listed in this column next week.

INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS

Brass Ensemble, First, Greenwood, Good plus; Violin Ensemble First, Greenwood, Excellent plus; Brass Ensemble, Clinton, Superior; First, Magee, Instrumental Ensemble, Good plus.

CHERUB CHOIRS

Bethany, New Choctaw, Good; Griffith Memorial, Jackson, Excellent; Hopewell, New Choctaw, Good plus; Northside, Jackson, Excellent; Springfield, Morton, Excellent; Macedonia, New Choctaw, Excellent; Morton, Excellent; Columbia, First, Excellent plus; Brookhaven, First, Superior.

CAROL CHOIRS

Magnolia, First, Excellent plus; West Jackson, Superior; Macedonia, New Choctaw, Good; Morton, Good; Northside, Jackson, Excellent; Kosciusko, First, Excellent; Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain, Excellent plus; Springfield, Morton, Excellent plus; Quitman, First, Excellent plus; Liberty, Noxapater, Excellent plus; First Greenwood, Superior; First, Brook-

haven, Superior; Hopewell, New Choctaw, Superior.

SMALL ENSEMBLES

First, Jackson, Excellent plus; Bethany, New Choctaw, Excellent; Mendenhall, Excellent plus; Magnolia, First, Superior; Edon, Stringer, Good plus; Calvary, Batesville, Good plus; First, Lexington, Good plus; Liberty, Noxapater, Excellent; Peach Creek, Como, Excellent; Wesson, Excellent; Hillsboro, Excellent; First, Winona, Excellent; Calvary, Yazoo City, Excellent plus; Ethel, Excellent plus; Hopewell, New Choctaw, Excellent plus; Coldwater, Philadelphia, Excellent plus; Temple, Hattiesburg, Superior; Clarke Venable Memorial, Decatur, Superior; First, Grenada, Excellent plus.

YOUTH CHOIRS

Pascagoula, First, Superior; Greenwood, First, Superior; Newton, First, Superior; Quitman, First, Superior; Pascagoula, First, Superior; Kosciusko, First, Excellent plus; First, Magee, Excellent; Skene, Excellent; Liberty, Forest, Excellent; Lucedale, Excellent plus; Macedonia, Brookhaven, Excellent; Calvary, Yazoo City, Good plus; Crystal Springs, First, Superior; 2nd Avenue, Laurel, Excellent plus.

DUKE McCALL PREACHES BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will preach 100 miles behind the Communist Iron Curtain each Sunday in December.

The sermons were recorded in Berlin last September while McCall was on a special Air Force mission to Europe and the Near East. They will be broadcast from Berlin to Communist territory over the Air Force network.

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My Favorite Bible Verse

By MRS. OSCAR LOPER
 "But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5, King James Version).
 Readers are invited to send their favorite Bible verse. The Baptist Record plans to publish one each week. When sending your favorite verse address as follows: The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

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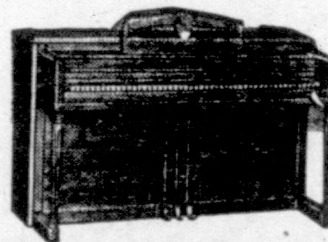
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Utica Baptists Adopt Segregation Resolutions

The following resolutions have been adopted by Utica Baptist Church. The resolutions are signed by the pastor, Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, and the following church officers: Joseph P. Walker, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. J. E. McCarty, W. M. U. President; J. E. McCarty, Training Union Director; W. B. Stubbs, Brotherhood President; G. W. Simmons, Chairman of the Deacons; and G. W. Simmons, Jr., treasurer.

The resolutions follow:

"WHEREAS, the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention brought before the Southern Baptist Convention in 1954 a resolution commending the action of the U. S. Supreme Court in their ruling on segregation, and

"WHEREAS, this resolution was voted upon and passed by the majority of messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention after debate on this controversial subject was closed in an un-democratic manner, and

"WHEREAS, the passing of this resolution by the Southern Baptist Convention has created in the minds of many people in this nation and throughout the world the idea that all Southern Baptists are in agreement with this resolution, therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED, That the Utica Baptist Church is an individual Church group, self-governed, and not controlled in any way by the Southern Baptist Convention, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Southern Baptist Convention has no authority whatsoever to speak for the Utica Baptist Church on any controversial issue, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the Utica Baptist Church is not in accord with said resolution and does not condone nor agree with the action of the U. S. Supreme Court in its ruling on segregation and further, the membership of the Utica Baptist Church recommends that the Southern Baptists at their Convention in Miami in 1955 reverse their action and pass a resolution condemning the action of the Supreme Court rather than commending it, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of this church feels that there is no need in our Southern Baptist program for the Christian Life Commission, and therefore, no funds sent from the Utica Baptist Church to the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program or otherwise is to be allotted to or used by the so-called Christian Life Commission, and

"BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the Utica Baptist Church, a copy be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that copies be submitted to The Commercial Appeal of Memphis, The Jackson Daily News of Jackson, The Utica Advertiser, and The Baptist Record for publication."

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

for the Baptist Record.

Excluding or Erasing

Question:

What is the difference between removing names from a church roll by "exclusion" or by "erasure?" I was led to believe that there is a difference namely, that "excluding" meant removing from roll because of immorality or other misbehavior, and "erasure" meant that the member had left the Baptist faith and joined another faith.

Answer:

There are few Baptist churches that exclude members any more, even if they commit murder. Formerly, they were excluded for heresy if they joined another denomination. Some churches still do that.

Most churches that I know about vote to erase the name of members who have joined some other church. This is a fairly "nice" way of handling the matter. If we withdraw fellowship from them or exclude them for heresy, it often seems to create confusion. It seems to some to be an act of revenge or resentment.

I wonder if we wouldn't be better off if we quit talking about other denominations as "another faith".

My feeling is that Baptists ought to hold to the truth—in deed and word, in faith practice—as we understand it, but be very humble about what others believe. We just might be wrong on some point!

Exclusion is a dangerous church policy. There seems to be no place to stop. The "covetous" are included in the Bible lists. That might even get some of us church leaders.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri).

—BR—

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — The circulation of the quarterly Church Recreation Bulletin has now gone beyond the 6,000 mark according to Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, secretary, Church Recreation Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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The Story of the Manger by William Allen Knight "tells a wonderful story—how what came to pass in Bethlehem has cast its charm over human hearts in many lands through centuries, and still brings the marvel of Christmas-tide to our strenuous modern life." It garners the findings of the author's life-long search for the meaning in Palestine and the charm in all Christendom of those graphic words of Luke about the Christ Child's birth—"She laid Him in a manger." Dr. Knight also wrote The Song of Our Syrian Guest. Order The Story of the Manger from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher, W. A. Wilde Company, 131 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts for \$1.

FIRST, CALHOUN CITY, HONORS PASTOR ON HIS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

First Church, Calhoun City honored the pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Cutrell, Jan. and Jimmy, Sunday afternoon December 12, with open house at the church on the occasion of the pastor's fifth anniversary. The church presented a set of sterling silver to the Cutrells.

The following achievements of the five year period were noted: 429 additions to the church, 132 of which were by baptism. The Sunday School enrolment has increased from 338 to 629 and the average attendance from 245 to 347, growing from 8 to 15 departments and from 26 to 55 classes. Training Union enrolment has increased from 96 to 239 and the average attendance from 101 to 145. During the past year 338 Training Union awards were earned giving the church sixth place in the state of Mississippi for Training Union awards earned during the year. The WMU is fully organized with six circles, a Business Women's Circle and all Auxiliaries. The Music Department is also fully organized with four choirs and a Men's Chorus.

The budget has advanced from \$12,350 with \$2,200 for the Cooperative Program to \$23,000 with \$8,268 for the Cooperative Program. The Vacation Bible School has been standard each year for the past four years.

Many improvements have been made on the buildings including the erection of the \$75,000 educational building. A speaker has been placed in the nursery and the nursery is now kept open for all preaching services. The pastatorium has been redecorated and a car-port and utility room added. The pastor's study and church office have been air-conditioned and much valuable equipment added.

One young man has been ordained to preach, one has been licensed, two other young men have been called to preach. About ten others have surrendered to the Lord's Will for their lives.

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Keen Interest Shown In Lottie Moon Offering At Picayune

Much interest is being shown in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Tree which has been erected in the auditorium of the First Church, Picayune. This beautifully constructed tree, with a world map designed on it, contains 24 lights, each one representing \$100.00. The church has a goal of \$2400.00 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

The new church budget of \$64,899.00 for 1955 provides for 36 1-3 percent to go to outside mission causes. The church is now debt free. Along with its building program the church has continued with its overall mission program in an accelerated way. Rev. John R. Maddox is the pastor.

Your Questions Answered About Church Councils

By DR. C. E. WILBANKS
Director of Evangelism

One phase of the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism is the work of The Evangelism Church Council.

This is such an important work that a pastor drove more than a hundred miles to gain information, and to enlist the services of the State Director of Evangelism in setting up his Church Council.

Meeting the needs of this pastor prompted the idea that other churches and pastors might like to have some questions answered.

1. What is the Evangelism Church Council?

It is the church council addressing itself to, and attacking, the work of evangelism in the church's local community.

2. Who are members of this council?

The same people who comprise the church council for all other work of the church. The pastor is Chairman, always. The elected leaders of all organizations in the church are the other members: Sunday School superintendent, Training Union director, Woman's Missionary president, Brotherhood president, and or any other leaders the church recognizes as members of her regular cabinet, (or council), as educational director, music director, etc.

3. What is the Council's function?

(1). To plan and present to the church a yearly program of evangelism, including plans for revivals.

(2). To utilize all methods of finding prospects.

(3). To keep accurate records of prospects for visitation.

(4). To sponsor a day of visitation each week; one member of the council and his or her organization to lead entire church in visiting unsaved people, and unchurched Baptists and other Baptist-preference believers.

(5). To create a "Pastor's Union," or class for new members, Sunday nights, the pastor to teach YOUR LIFE AND THE CHURCH.

4. Could there be an Evangelism Council in a church not having all these leaders?

Yes. Regardless of numbers, any church can have an Evangelism Church Council.

For example: a church has only a pastor and a Sunday school. The pastor could lead visitation one week; the superintendent the next week; the deacons the third, and the teacher of the adult class (or men's class) the fourth week.

5. When should plans be shaped up for the Council to begin work?

WALTER ALEXANDER DIES IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Tex. (BP) —Walter R. Alexander, 65, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention died of a heart ailment in Dallas, Tex., December 13.

Dr. Alexander became head of the Board in 1947 and for four years prior to that he had served as associate secretary.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., he was a graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia and Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa. Furman University honored him with the D. D. degree in 1931. He came to the South in 1916 and was pastor of churches in Virginia, Texas and South Carolina. He came to the Board from the pastorate of First Church, Florence, S.C., where he had served for fourteen years.

During the eight years Dr. Alexander served as secretary the Board has recorded financial growth from twelve million dollars to over thirty-four million dollars and membership in the retirement plan has doubled.

He was the author of three books, All Out for God, Holy Hours in the Holy Land, and Doing Likewise. He had traveled in Europe, Africa, and the Near East.

He is survived by his wife Eva Elizabeth, and a daughter Ruth, the wife of the late Dr. J. C. Cowell, Jr.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, Southern Baptist missionaries to Colombia, may be addressed at Apartado Aereo 862, Barranquilla, Colombia. Mrs. Riddell is a native of Meridian, and she and Mr. Riddell make their permanent American home in Laurel.

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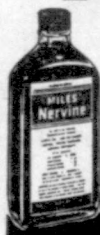
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